



What's New?

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- **Reservists and Retroactive Reimbursement of FEHB Premiums.** If you are a reservist who was called to active duty for more than 30 days in support of a contingency operation on or after 8 Dec 95, you may claim reimbursement of Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) premiums you paid. This procedure applies only to civilian employees who were DoD employees at the time they entered on active duty. The procedure is located on the BEST website at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/res-emp-info.htm.
- **OPM Announces First Open Season for FEGLI in Five Years.** Office of Personnel Management (OPM) announced a FEGLI Open Season will be held from 1 – 30 Sep 04, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the program. During the open season, eligible employees will be able to enroll in the FEGLI program or increase or change current coverage without having a physical or answering any questions about their health. Elections made during the Open Season will be effective at the beginning of the first full pay period beginning in September 2005. Air Force-serviced employees will submit their elections via the BEST automated phone system or the web-based Employee Benefits Information System (EBIS). We'll provide additional information as the Open Season gets closer on the [BEST Homepage](#) and in newsletter and publicity articles.
- **Thrift Savings Plan Rates of Return Posted for May 2004.** The following chart of G, F, C, S, and I Fund returns represent the change in their respective share prices for the month of May 2004. The changes in share prices reflect net earnings after accrued TSP administrative expenses, trading costs and accrued investment managements fees have been deducted. Percentages in () are negative returns. The G, F, C, S, and I Fund returns for the last 12 months assume unchanging balances (time-weighting) from month to month, and assume that earnings are compounded on a monthly basis. For more information, including share costs, go to the TSP Homepage at www.tsp.gov and click on Rates of Returns.

	G Fund	F Fund	C Fund	S Fund	I Fund
May 2004	0.39%	(0.50%)	1.37%	1.50%	0.30%
<u>Last 12 Months</u> (6/1/2003 - 5/31/2004)	4.10%	(0.60%)	18.20%	28.70%	31.70%